

# Terrigal High School NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 20 Term 4 Fortnight ending 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

This week's featured artwork is a painting by Joelle Fuller from Year 10 Visual Arts.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### The Year in Review

This year we launched our 3 year plan with 3 strategic directions, engage, empower, and evolve. We also consulted with students, staff and parents to identify our core values of respect, responsibility, excellence and integrity. Student wellbeing has been a priority in the plan and the school has engaged a number of agencies to engage and empower students.

One period a fortnight is timetabled for all Year 7 students with transition buddies from Year 10 and their Year Adviser, Mr Parberry, to support the change to high school expectations and social issues. All Year 9 students participated in the trial of YAM (Youth Aware Mental Health), a program created by the Department of education and Black dog Institute to increase knowledge of mental health, develop emotional intelligence and teach problem-solving skills. Year 10 participated in the Life Education presentations on drugs and alcohol to support the content delivered in the safe partying unit in PDHPE. The Year 11 CrossRoads program was reviewed and updated in 2018 with a continuation of the BStreetsmart driver education experience and a 3 day program to help students prepare for a healthy, safe and meaningful life. To support identified students we have engaged external agencies including "Top Blokes" for boys at risk, the RYSS bus for anger management and Elevate study skills. Trained staff have delivered Seasons for growth, the Aboriginal Cultural program, Art Club, Drama Club and Film Club. Student voice and parent feedback informed our review of the Anti-bullying Action plan and from this data we will be implementing a peer mediation program in 2019. Student wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do.

Our Literacy target for this year was to improve writing skills across Years 7 to 10. Each Term exemplar samples were nominated by faculties and certificates presented on assemblies. The improvement in writing is evidenced through report outcomes and the increase in students attaining the minimum standard for the HSC in writing from 56% to 82%. The inclusion of the Literacy and Numeracy lessons within the timetable has resulted in 98% of the students achieving the minimum standard in Reading and 90% in numeracy.

Our student leaders have engaged in leadership programs such as the RYPEN the Model United Nations and the Lions Youth of the Year and continued the tradition of cooking meals at Coast Shelter and providing Christmas presents for those in need. This Year, Mrs McMartin has led the charge

## THE GOOD GUYS®

Terrigal High School would like to thank the Good Guys at Erina Fair for their support in offering to discount the purchase of our new air conditioners for the Drama room. These air conditioners will now make the Drama room bearable in the summer months.



with "Doing it for our farmers". The school community has donated generously with over 10,000 items collected and distributed through country women's associations. I am particularly proud of our sporting teams who took boxes of donations to be distributed through the schools they competed against in the knockout competitions, the Deputy Principals who took donations to Bathurst and the boxes sent to Coonamble High School as part of the Aboriginal cultural exchange program. Terrigal has shown how much we care.

Throughout the year our CAPA faculty have promoted opportunities for students to show their talents and interact with audiences. Performances have included our Avoca Beach Theatre night, Evening of the stars, HSC Drama night, stage 5 exhibitions and the recent Year 8 CAPA night and Terrigal Talent performances involving the whole school.

## 2018 HSC

Congratulations to our 2018 HSC students. There were many personal bests and for some students, simply attaining an HSC is an accomplishment. Our school philosophy is to support every student in completing Year 12 through a pattern of study including academic and vocational pathways. This is not the case in every school. As Principal, I am equally proud of students who have achieved personal goals as those who have achieved academic success. There were many celebrations across Terrigal last week. Once again Terrigal students have achieved excellence.

- 134 students sat for the HSC across 771 examinations, including 11 accelerated Year 11 students who sat their HSC in Primary Industries.
- 3 students completed a school based apprenticeship as part of their HSC.
- 87 results (11%) were for school based VET (vocational education training) courses where students attain a certificate 2 as well as their HSC.
- 40 results (5%) were placed in the top band, Band 6.
- 172 results (22%) were placed in the second band, Band 5.
- 56% of the results were in the top 3 bands (of 6).
- A special mention to Jazmyn Rodwell who placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the state for Community and family Studies.
- 15 students achieved all their results in the top 2 bands.

As a school we do not receive individual student's ATARs and we have tried to contact families to share the results. With many overseas, this has been difficult. At this stage it looks like six students achieved ATARs over 90 with the highest being 96.5.

Not bad for a community based comprehensive school. Congratulations to the students who have worked so hard this year and to the talented teaching staff who have worked diligently with the students throughout 2018.

## 2019 Bell Times

We have made some minor tweaks to the school bell times for 2019 to create time for a Monday muster for communication with students. The start and finishing times remain the same, with adjustments to Mondays and Tuesdays.

	Monday		Tuesday	W, Th, F	
<b>Ass</b>	9:00 – 9:20	<b>RC</b>	9:00 – 9:10	<b>RC</b>	9:00 – 9:10
<b>1</b>	9:25 – 10:20	<b>1</b>	9:10 – 10:05	<b>1</b>	9:10 – 10:10
<b>2</b>	10:25 – 11:20	<b>2</b>	10:05 – 11:00	<b>2</b>	10:10 – 11:10
<b>R</b>	11:20 – 11:40	<b>R</b>	11:00 – 11:15	<b>R</b>	11:10 – 11:30
<b>3</b>	11:40 – 12:35	<b>3</b>	11:15 – 12:10	<b>3</b>	11:30 – 12:30
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<b>5</b>	2:20 – 3:15	<b>5</b>	1:35 – 2:30	<b>5</b>	2:15 – 3:15

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Tania Turik  
Principal

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE



**Terrigal High School**

A quality comprehensive education with a history of academic success.  
T: 02 4861 6677 E: terrigal.h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Terrigal High School now has a new Website which will be updated on a regular basis.

The link for the new website is [https://terrigan-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/](https://terrigan.h.schools.nsw.gov.au/)

## CLINIC PROCEDURE

Some students are unaware that when sick they are to report to the front office. Some are ringing home instead of reporting to the office and therefore their absence is recorded as a truancy. If your child does initially ring you please check that they report to the office before going home so that a record of their attendance can be maintained.

## AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Earlier in the year approximately 30 students across the junior forms, sat for the Australian Mathematics Competition. This is the largest Maths Competition with over  $\frac{1}{2}$  million entries from over 3000 schools in more than 30 separate countries.

This competition provides a great opportunity for challenging even the most gifted student. It also gives students external recognition for their achievements.

A special congratulations goes to our:

**Distinction Recipients:** Tiana Botfield  
Jae-Yong Sim

**Credit Recipients:** Andrew Liew  
Oliver Robinson  
Meadow Shearer  
Charlotte Fitzroy  
Lani Fuller  
Lydia Hey

## STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY (PASS OUTS)

At times throughout the school year, your child may need to leave school early for a valid reason. To ensure that your child is ready to leave on time, please provide a signed note requesting permission to leave which states:

- the christian name and surname of your child and their year
- a valid reason for leaving early
- the time that they are required to leave.

Students should present this note to one of the Deputy Principals prior to the commencement of the school day for approval.

On the rare occasion when a note cannot be provided due to last minute arrangements, please notify the school in advance via a phone call to the school switch - 4384 4677.

When parents arrive at school to collect their child without prior notice, some delays are to be expected while the request for leave is processed and the student is retrieved from their classroom.

## REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

Please ensure your child's medical details are up to date with the front office of the school. If your child has medication or an Epi-pen, the school also requires you to ensure these items are up kept up to date.

## CHANGED ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please have your child come to the front office and we will complete the necessary paperwork if you have changed your address or telephone numbers. It is very important to have details up to date in case your child is sick or there is an emergency at school.

## ART CLUB MURAL

Terrigal High School's art club runs on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.15pm to 5.30pm and is open to anybody that has an interest in all things "arty".

Our talented year 7 artists have taken on a very ambitious project of creating patterned murals for a section of the hall way that has been allocated to senior students. The year 7 students hope to create an area that is fun and eye catching as well as giving our hallways a new lease of life.

Each student has been given a 50cm x 1.5m plywood board to create a vision based on Sydney's artist "Beastman's" work. Bradley Eastman, (Beastman) has been creating work influenced by the nature's repetitive geometric growth patterns and organic landscapes. His paintings, digital illustration, commercial projects and public murals explore a unique visual language, depicting future environments of abstracted landscapes, potential new life forms and human intervention.

Year 7 Visual Arts students have been polishing up their Photoshop skills while interpreting Beastman's intricate design work. They are looking forward to bringing home their own t-shirt design inspired by this exceptional artist.



Bradley Eastman, known as "BEASTMAN".



## SURPRISE YEAR 8 AND 9 MUSIC PERFORMANCE

After practising their musical items, year 9 and 8 musicians were all ready to go to have a special surprise for year 7, 8 and 9 CAPA classes. Music room 2 was jammed packed with an excited audience who knew that were in for a treat. Gabriella Pilon was the MC who played the guitar, sang and accompanied Imogen Hall on the piano to create a great musical combo. William Barnard- Richardson who sang while buddy William Longley tickled the ivories said, "It is a nerve racking time when you get up and perform but it worth the buzz you get from knowing that you have done it knowing you can just get better and better. Eric Ridley from Mrs Rankin's music class jumped on board and wowed his fans with his flamboyant electric guitar virtuoso. With an encouraging nod from Mrs Henry it was obvious she was as pleased as punch with their performances.

The CAPA classes left thoroughly entertained and eager asking when the next performance would be. Stay tuned for the next jam!

The performers were, (year 9) William BARNARD-RICHARDSON, vocals, Samantha CAELLI, piano, Imogen HALL, piano, William LONGLEY, piano, Alexis NOJIN, drums, Mia PETTIGREW vocals, Gabriella PILON vocals, guitar and piano, Brooklyn THORNE piano, Lauren THUAUX, guitar, Eric Ridley (year 8) guitar and Chloe Patch (year 8) vocals and guitar.



# CAREERS CORNER

with Ms Bates, your Careers Adviser

<http://www.terrigalhscareers.com/>

The School now has its own career website. Students and parents can use this site for a wide range of career information. This site is particularly useful for students in the senior years; however, other students can access information on part time employment while they are still at school. If students register in the "Student Only" area they will be able to make use of many of the proformas available. They can develop a resume, a cover letter, find out how to act in an interview, what to wear for an interview and many other things.



Don't forget to check out the [Terrigal High Careers Facebook](#) page. This will have the most up to date information regarding Courses, Jobs, Apprenticeships/traineeship, and University information.

## Newcastle University Visit Day

Year 12 students spent the day at the Central Coast campus to learn more about the University and all that it has to offer. Student toured the facilities, attended presentations, meet with staff and current students, asked questions about the degrees, and find out more about different pathways into the University. This was a very informative day for the students!



## Year 10 Central Coast Secondary Schools Mentoring (CCSSM) Program Presentation

Students participated in the Celebration of the CCSSM. This presentation enabled the students to celebrate the achievements of the program and their mentors, to hear about the program through presentations prepared by the students with their mentor and to provide feedback to parents and to continue to evaluate the concept. Well done to all the students involved it was a great celebration.





## **Master Builders Association of NSW**

[Register now!](#) The latest career information including;

- ☐ Work experience opportunities
- ☐ Pre Apprenticeship Programs
- ☐ Apprenticeship opportunities available



## **Changes to University Admissions - EARLY OPENING 2019**

**Applications for admission to tertiary study in 2020** will open in April 2019 to accommodate university trimesters and early entry schemes. This will also give schools the opportunity to rate their SRS applicants earlier in the cycle. Year 12 students will receive their UAC PIN in March 2019. At this time all semester 2, 2019 courses will be available, and some semester 1, 2020 courses. All semester 1, 2020 courses will be available from August as per usual.

## **NIDA- workshops**

**Let your imagination run wild this summer!**

National Institute  
of Dramatic Art

# NIDA

Put your imagination into action and discover your creative potential this summer! We're bringing our exciting program of short courses to Newcastle this January for grades 3–12 and adults. Highlights include NIDA Acting Techniques, Screen Acting Boot Camp (for grades 3–6, 7–10 or 11–12) and more!

Courses start from 14 January at Newcastle Grammar School. Book now and save with our early bird discount!

[https://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/who/young+people?near=newcastle/2300/5&utm\\_source=mail2&utm\\_campaign=OP19\\_SummerEB\\_Newc\\_Gen\\_Allages&cmp=1&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/who/young+people?near=newcastle/2300/5&utm_source=mail2&utm_campaign=OP19_SummerEB_Newc_Gen_Allages&cmp=1&utm_medium=email)

## ***Ignite: Business Launch Pad***

Attention Year 10-12- Got a Business Idea but not sure where to start?

Please see the link below, this is a great opportunity for young people to set in motion their creative career pathway. You can access this through <http://ignitelaunchpad.com.au/>

More information see Ms Bates & Ms Massie.



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IGNITE: Business Launchpad

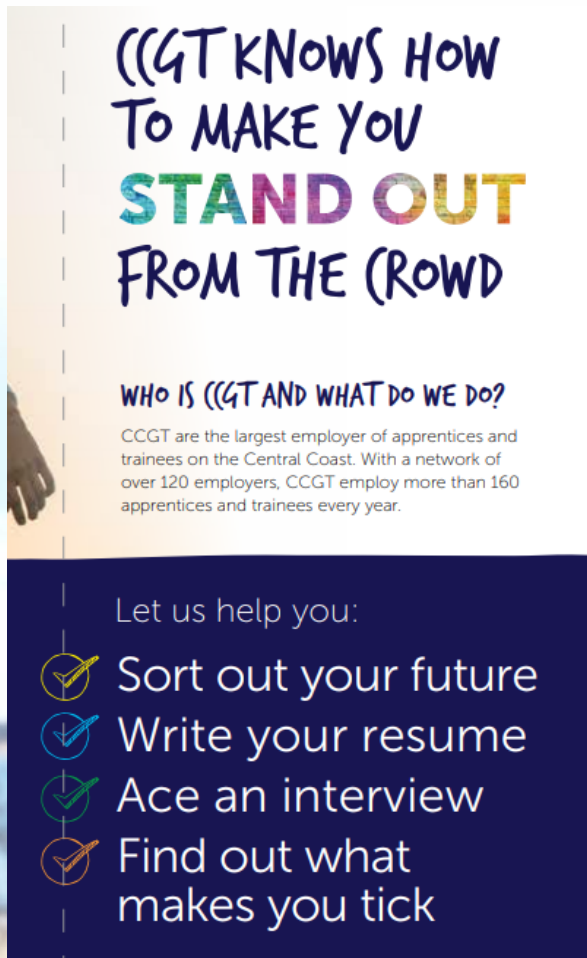
Central Coast Council is partnering with illuminate Education to deliver the IGNITE Business Launchpad for school-aged students across the region to kick-start their own business idea while still in school. Whether it's an idea you've been working on for months or something you've just thought about recently – this program is for you!

You'll get access to a business boot camp delivered by award-winning entrepreneur Adam Mostogl (2017 Top 30 Entrepreneurs Under 30 in Australia, 2015 Finalist for Young Australian of the Year) as well as an opportunity to present your idea at a gala pitch night, all to be in the running to be selected for twelve months of mentoring from business champions in the region.

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WHO IS CCGT AND WHAT DO WE DO?

CCGT are the largest employer of apprentices and trainees on the Central Coast. With a network of over 120 employers, CCGT employ more than 160 apprentices and trainees every year.

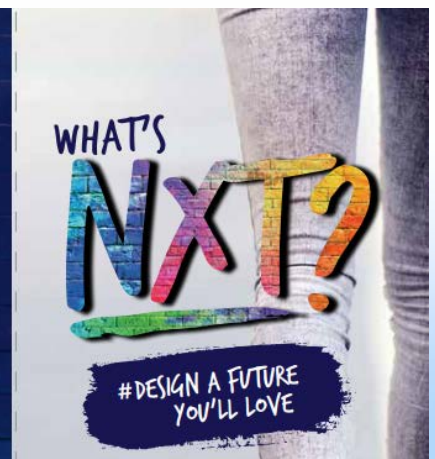
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- ✓ Write your resume
- ✓ Ace an interview
- ✓ Find out what makes you tick



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**NEXT?**

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## LIBRARY

I'd like to thank the students for being a delight to work with this year and look forward to a wonderful 2019.

I would particularly like to thank the THS Book Club. I loved reading and learning with you each Thursday this year.

The library staff would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday period.

**Lyndall Gale,**  
**Teacher Librarian.**

## NUMERACY DAY

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2018 an Aboriginal Group of Terrigal High Students participated in a numeracy day at the Entrance Secondary Campus.

We were involved in many numeracy-based activities that helped to extend our skills while keeping all of us entertained. We did activities in groups of three or four and completed games, such as 'the amazing race' which was an orienteering-like race that required us to complete challenges and clues at various stations. We also built spaghetti towers, which definitely tested our collaborative abilities!

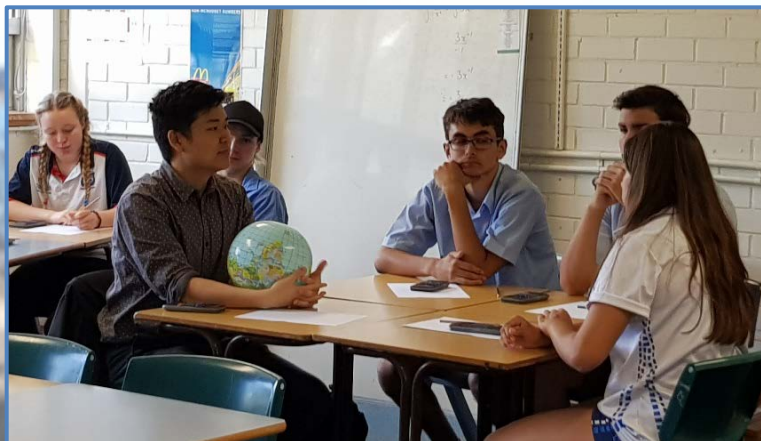
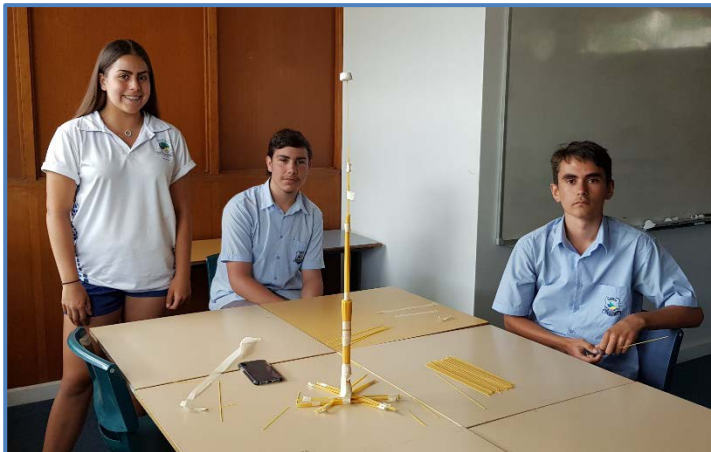
We learnt how to solve simple and complex problems by using numeracy and orienteering skills to navigate around the campus. By working together as a team, we blitzed through any equation or problem thrown at us.

Overall, the day was very successful, and a lot was achieved. We felt encouraged and supported throughout the day, and everyone had a lot of fun. We would definitely go again!

Ethan Debono, Dion Lombo, Sienna Mc Ewen, Arison Lambert, Abbey Debono, Ryan Jones, Brooklyn Thorne, Mr Hong, Brooklyn, Ryan Abbey.

By Abbey Debono.

**Ms Anne-Maree Kelly,**  
**Mathematics Teacher**



# WIN – WRITING IMPROVEMENT NOW, TERM 4 2018 WINNERS!

Throughout Term 4, teachers have been collecting samples of student writing produced in their classrooms. Teachers then nominate their students' best efforts to the WIN team who read all the entries and select the best scripts. Entries were judged across year groups and courses in the junior school. The entries were judged on their cohesion, sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, grammar and how well they addressed the task.

After a long judging process the Term 4 winners were decided. They are as follows:

**Year 7 - Kai Avis – Visual Arts**

**Year 8 – Alani Mead - HSIE**

**Year 9 – Grace Liew – Science**

**Year 10 – Isabella Goodwin – Dance**

A short excerpt from each of the student's work reveals the high quality of writing produced.

**Year 7 Kai Avis – Visual Arts**

As I stepped out of the door from my house, I instantly felt the warm air cover me. I started to walk down the stairs. As I stepped out of the shadow from my house, I squinted as my eyes adjusted to the bright light. Even more warm air blanketed me as I could feel the rough sand beneath my feet.

**Year 8 – Yalani Mead – HSIE**

It's been a long time since we last saw our home land Hawaiki and I don't know how much longer it will be till we reach land. Every morning I wake up and walk around my boat and collect all the lifeless people that gave up overnight. We've lost over half our tribe from running out of water and food and the rest of us are holding on by a thread. I am just about to give up hope before my wife yells out, 'Look. Over there. There's a long white cloud and beneath, I see land!'

**Year 9 – Grace Liew – Science**

Wind gushed past my fair-skinned face as I tugged my small wooden boat up to the island. As I finished tying my boat against a shed, the sirens blared in my ears a warning of a tsunami. I saw people running outside from their homes and hotels. I heard the screams of 'RUN! RUN!' I looked back behind me, towards the ocean and witnessed the furious water rushing towards the island.

**Year 10 – Isabella Goodwin – Dance**

Tying together exceptional choreography and an outstanding accompaniment are the creative costume designs by Bruce's wife, Marian Bruce. Throughout the whole piece, the most prevalent colour is red. There is an emphasis on this colour as it can be related to many emotions such as love, anger, hate, passion and lust; all of which are evident in relationships. When dealing with the 1960s the issues and social behaviour at the time are reflected in the use of red as it was a time of passion, free love and a lot of hate and anger towards the government concerning the war and other events.





## PRINCIPAL'S END OF YEAR MESSAGE

I would like to thank all members of the School Community for your continued support of Terrigal High School during 2018.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a healthy and safe holiday. I look forward to our continued association in 2019.

Tania Turik  
Principal

### Key Dates

29<sup>th</sup> January - Staff Day  
30<sup>th</sup> January - Years 7, 11 & 12 return  
31<sup>st</sup> January - Whole school returns

29<sup>th</sup> January / 12<sup>th</sup> April - Term 1  
29<sup>th</sup> April / 5<sup>th</sup> July - Term 2  
22<sup>nd</sup> July / 27<sup>th</sup> September - Term 3  
14<sup>th</sup> October / 20<sup>th</sup> December - Term 4



# Merit Awards Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Merit Awards this fortnight. To be eligible for a Merit Award students must receive five Commendations.



"We Strive"

## YEAR 7

Oscar Schwerin  
Sienna Cobb  
Shauntay Noel  
Alysandra Brun  
Rowan Stock  
York Hodgson  
Ashley Howell  
Ella Joseph  
James Drennan  
Alizee Dumas  
Charlie Kennedy  
Kaylah Buckley  
Christopher Hosea  
Tamzin Jaksich  
Kael Brooke  
Bronte Hall  
Tayah Clark  
Mia Temple  
Brae Mulqueeny  
Lani Fuller  
Ava Dawson  
Arison Lambert  
Bode Royce  
Jordan Riley  
Jack Quick  
Jay Sim  
Kiran Roberts  
Lydia Hey

Bridie Boland  
Bailey Hunt  
Brooklyn Thorne  
Molly Schultz  
Mia Pal  
Tayla Keating  
Tristan Martin  
Finn Barlow  
Taylor Hogan  
Madison Dunlop

## YEAR 10

Lauren Dobbie  
Maggie Fulcher  
Makayla Fidge  
Jemma Burgess-Robinson  
Emma Soo  
Joelle Fuller  
Zac Roberts  
Sofia-Maree Foust  
Alex Tucker  
Matthew Hodson  
Tylah Vallance  
Jonty Webb  
Harrison Baxter  
Austin Kirk-Clark

## YEAR 12

Heath Mally  
Nikki Kendall  
Jacob Rawung  
Hayden Harris  
Harper Rydlewski-Walker  
Bailey Mele  
Anthony Clark  
Hugh Naven  
Calogero Grati-Favaloro  
Jaimy Vegter  
Declan Ackerley  
Meggan Horden  
Charlie Buffon  
Benjamin Francis  
Sean Watson

## YEAR 8

Lauren Howell  
Yalani Mead  
Saskia Calabria  
Ariel Delisser  
Andee Dezel  
Eryn Ridge

## YEAR 9

Laura Boland  
Kurt Ferrari  
Cameron Wallace  
Holly Ayres  
Alana Dries  
Zack O'Brien  
Jessica Schwderin